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THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION TO SECURE OIL
SUPPLIES BUT TO PROVIDE A DETAILED AND OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS
OF WHAT SUCH A VENTURE WOULD ENTAIL. ITS CONCLUSIONS ARE
SIGNIFICANT. SUCH MILITARY OPERATIONS WOULD COMBINE HIGH
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